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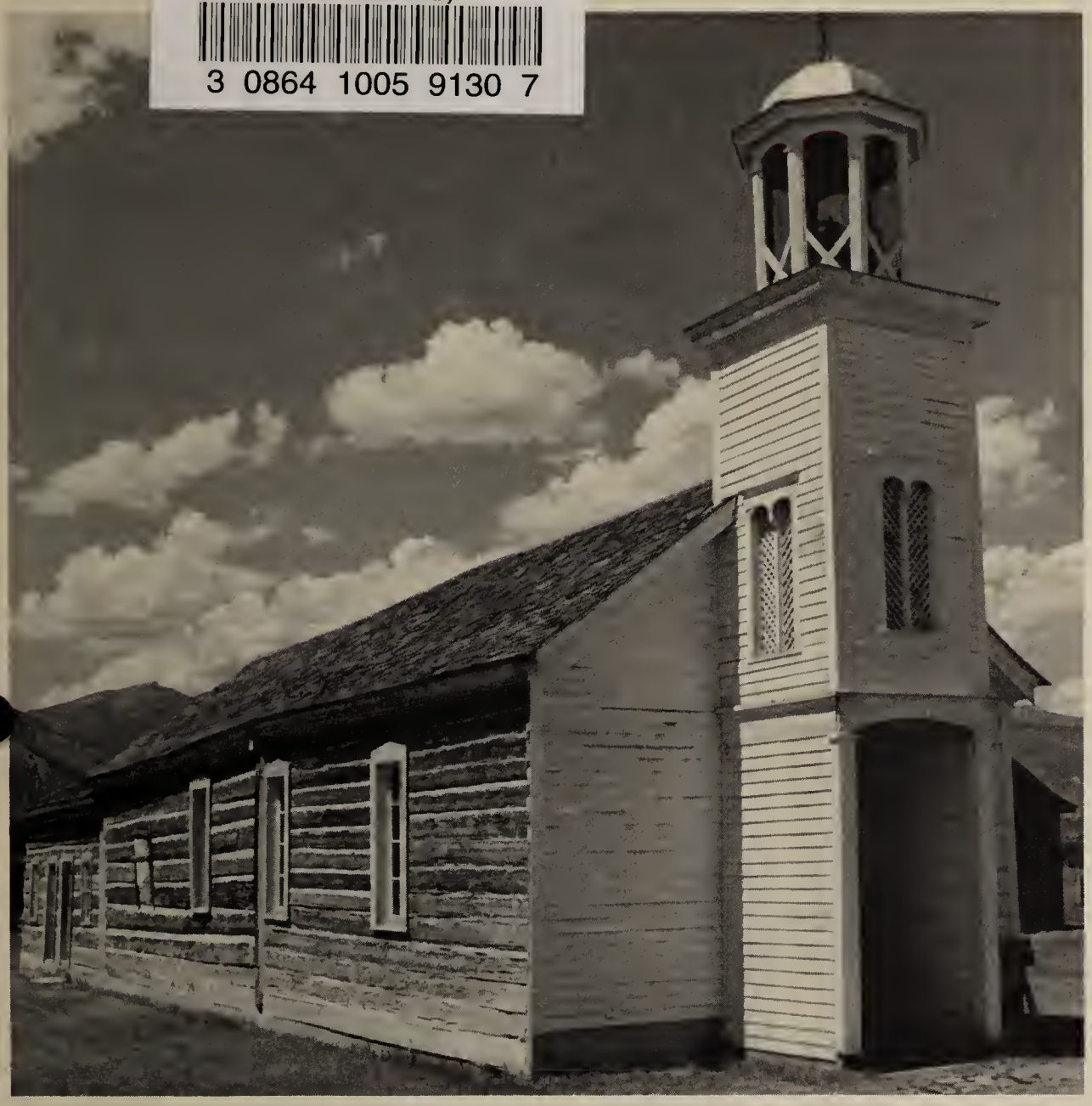


St. Mary's Mission built in 1846 by Father Anthony Ravalli

"Today, November 8, 1988 is a doubly important day for Montana," said Governor Ted Schwinden as he officially opened the Montana Statehood Centennial celebration.

"Today is both Election Day '88 and the official kick-off of our Centennial Celebration," he said. "As we choose our leadership for the future, we also begin a yearlong celebration of Montana's heritage.

"For the next 365 days, Centennial events throughout the state will encourage us to reflect upon Montana's past, take stock of the present and leave a legacy for the future.

"The 800,000 individuals who live, work and play in Montana, will honor the contributions of past and present Montanans who have called our Treasure State 'home.' "

The following weekend, Centennial kick-off celebrations were held in Stevensville in the west, and Miles City in the east where a special Veteran's Day observance took place.

At Stevensville, a crowd estimated at 1500, gathered Nov.12 to watch 100 parade entries march down Main street in a cold driving rain. But sodden skies failed to dampen the enthusiasm of spectators or participants who grinned and waved and marched through mud and puddles to celebrate the opening ceremonies. In the afternoon, a steady stream of folks sampled elk, bear and beef and homemade pie at the Heritage Buffet.

Lt. Governor Gordon McOmber, chairman of the Montana Centennial Commission, told the crowd it was fitting the state's celebration start in Montana's first settlement. He praised the people and community for their enthusiasm and work and said the $22,000, contributed to the celebration by the Centennial Office and Commission, was a good investment for the State of Montana

On Saturday and Sunday the Trades of Yesterday and Today Show was a mix of contemporary Centennial products and traditional crafts such as spinning, dying, candle making, and leather work among others. Teepees were set up behind the Mission and deer ribs and roasts cooked over campfires.
Other activities included:

**Religious services at St. Mary's Mission

**Montana .Youth in the Next 100 years program at the LDS Church

**Concert by the Centennial Singers

**A Salish Indian dancers performance

**The Bitterroot Sweet Adelines

Stevensville, considered the oldest white settlement in the state, is the site of historic St. Mary's Mission established in September 1841 by Father Pierre-Jean de Smet. The present St. Mary's Mission building was built in 1846 by Father Anthony Ravalli. The interior ot the chapel has been restored by members of the St. Mary's Preservation Trust headed by Lucylle Evans, and many of the furnishings, created by Father Ravalli, are still part of the Mission.

In Miles City, opening ceremonies Nov. 11, at the Miles Community College, included a gallery address by Vietnam veteran and artist Ray "Padre" Johnson, Vietnam's most decorated chaplain.

The 163rd National Guard Infantry Regiment, the "Jungleers" of WWII, were honored at the formal Veterans Day program at the Miles City VA auditorium along with veterans from WWI, female veterans, Korean conflict, Native American and Vietnam veterans.

Other activities included:

**A Centennial fashion show at the Eagles Lodge

**River boat style banquet and dance at the Miles Community College Centra.

**Appearance by the Red Lodge Grizzly Peek-A-Boo Can-Cans from Red Lodge.

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

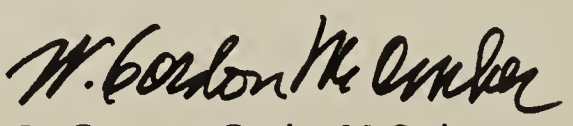
The year we've all been looking forward to is officially under way!

Governor Ted Schwinden issued a proclamation November 8th to mark Montana's admission to the Union 99 years ago and to mark the beginning of a year of activities to commemorate our state's Centennial.

I've been on the job since January, visiting communities around the state to interest Montanans in participating in the big event. I found the enthusiasm was state-wide and before long the number of counties with local affiliates grew from five to over 50.

Recently, we brought many of the folks involved in Centennial activities into Great Falls for an affiliate's conference and vendor's fair. As everyone at the conference shared ideas and enthusiasm they became aware, as I have: The Statehood Centennial celebration will be a great success thanks to the enthusiasm and participation of folks at the local level! I'm proud of the work you're doing.

The Great Falls conference was the first of what I hope will be a series of regional conferences, where those involved in Centennial plans and activities can share ideas with each other and encourage attendance at events in every part of the state. Our special thanks to the Cascade County 89ers, those who appeared on panels, and everyone who worked so hard to make the affiliate's conference and vendor's fair a big success!



Lt. Governor Gordon McOmber
Chairman of the Centennial Commission

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SOMETIMES A DEFINITION HELPS

Just what is an affiliate and what does it mean to have a Centennial license?
--Sanctioning--is the process by which the Centennial Office approves of an affiliate, project or product for licensing.
--Affiliate-- means an entity (committee, organization, group) which has been sanctioned by the Montana Centennial Office to share with the state in sponsoring projects to observe the Centennial.
--License-- means official written approval by the Office of an event, project or product and proper use of the logo.
--Project-- means a planned and coordinated event, action or series of actions or events addressing an objective consistent with the policy and purposes of the observance of Montana's statehood centennial.
--Product--means authorization has been granted for the use of the state copyrighted Centennial logo on a Centennial product. When the product is to be sold for profit, an initial fee and royalty may be assessed.
As of the first part of November, licenses have been completed for 46 affiliates, 211 projects and 103 products. In addition, two affiliates, five projects and one product have been approved but the signed licenses have not been returned by the applicant to the Centennial Office.
At the November 22 Commission meeting six affiliates, 29 projects and 5 products will be considered by the Commission for sanctioning.

Wilbur Werner Resigns

Wilbur Werner, Cut Bank attorney, and original member of the Montana Statehood Centennial Commission, has submitted his resignation to Governor Ted Schwinden, effective immediately. His replacement has not been announced.
"Wilbur has been a backbone of Centennial efforts since being appointed to the nine-member Commission as provided for by the 1985 Legislature." said Lt. Governor Gordon McOmber of the resignation, adding "He has been an outstanding member. His wisdom and legal knowledge will be sorely missed by the Centennial Office and Commission."

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MEET THE STAFF

Bill Yaeger

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Brian Anse Patrick

Debora Davis

Barbara Faas

Kay Hardin Hansen

When you call or write someone it's kind of nice to know something about them--even though you may be hundreds of miles apart. The Centennial office staff -- which is part of the Lt. Governor's office includes:

Bill Yaeger, is Executive Assistant to the Lt. Governor. Well-known as a former Montana radio newscaster and head of Intermountain Network News (IMN), Yaeger assists the Lt. Governor and acts in his absence in all phases of office and Centennial business. He is assigned public relations responsibility and oversees publication of the '89er news letter. Yaeger is a Colonel and Master Army Aviator in the Montana Army National Guard.

Cebe Sobonya is Executive Secretary to the Lt. Governor and Office Manager for both the Lt. Governor's office and the Centennial office. As the Lt. Governor's secretary for seven years, she "wears many hats" -- including research, accounting, secretarial, budget, reports, scheduling, legal and correspondence as well as representing the office at legislative hearings.

Brian Patrick is Field Operations Manager for the Centennial, besides working with sanctioning and grants. He will be traveling the state assisting folks with organizing and sanctioning Centennial events. Patrick worked as a writer and public information officer for the Michigan Sesquicentennial Commission from 1987 to 1988.

Debora Davis, Manager of the Intergovernmental Review clearing house, in the Lt. Governor's office, is responsible for coordinating the process by which state and local governments review and comment on proposed Federal financial assistance and direct Federal development. The clearinghouse was created by President Reagan in 1982.

Barbara Faas, born and raised in Helena, often is the first person callers reach when phoning the Centennial office. As **receptionist** she helps with sanctioning and licensing information and records. She formerly worked for 17 years with her husband in his plant in California manufacturing steel automotive wheels for race cars.

Kay Hardin Hansen, Editor of the Montana '89er, has a 20-year history as a Montana news woman working for seven different papers "...from the Virginia City Madisonian -- during the days they hand fed the press one page at a time -- to the Billings Gazette." Her public relations duties include press releases, photography and editing a variety of publications.

Gloria Hermanson, is under contract with the Centennial Office as the contact person between the office and corporate funding sources. She performs an important function in the corporate participation and fund raising program. A former staff manager of U.S. West Consumer Affairs, Gloria is a **private consultant** in communication strategies and issues management.

Sharon Martin, is Commission Secretary. Her background includes Army service in Germany; Flight Operations specialist and Enlisted Personnel Technician for the North Dakota Army National Guard and Administration Assistant for the Citicorp Executive Development Center, St. Louis. In April, Sharon and family moved to Helena, "because of the lifestyle," and hope to have Thanksgiving Dinner in their newly-built home.

Anita Shontz, Sanctioning Secretary, just returned to Montana after living in Tacoma, Washington for three years where she worked for the University of Puget Sound and the Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium. She and her family formerly lived in Sidney for eight years where she was employed by Shell Oil.

Gloria Hermanson

Sharon Martin

Anita Shontz

HORSETHIEF TO HERO

by Michael Korn

Not long ago, a friend told me his great-grandfather, a Montana pioneer, was a man among men, a courageous hero who started out his ranching days in the wild Missouri Breaks. Now Central Montana's Breaks are not known as prime horse ranching country . So I asked him -- in a round about way -- if his grand-dad's early endeavors might have been on the scant side of legal.
"Well kinda," he said. "He sorta stole horses, gathered them in the Breaks and then herded them into Canada where he sold them to the Mounties.
"But," he added quickly, "later on he bought a ranch in western Montana, where nobody knew him, and then he became a deputy sheriff."
It was this conversation that got me to wondering about a fundamental issue of western history -- and Montana history in particular. Since the past is always viewed through hindsight -- and our perceptions of earlier times soften over the years -- just how many years does it take to go from being a horsethief to a hero?
One clue may lie in a series of events which took place in the late 1800's in Powell County near Ovando and Monture Creek, a small tributary to the Blackfoot River named for "local pioneer businessman" George Monture. A mixed-blood habitue, Monture's main inventory included liquor and ammunition which he sold to hostile Indians in the Scapegoat mountain country. Needless to say George was not in the social forefront of Powell Countie's elite.
One night, while camped along the North Fork of the Blackfoot River, George met his end at knifepoint, wielded by a client who filed a spontaneous consumer complaint over George's brand of business ethics. The Deer Lodge New Northwest of October 5, 1877 reported the killing with the following embellished account:

Killed -- Rumor, of which there has not yet been confirmation but which is probably correct, says that George Monture, a half-breed, well known in the Nevada creek country, was killed in a whiskey row on the North Fork of the Big Blackfoot some days ago. He has been living with Indians for years, supplying them with whiskey and ammunition and bidding defiance to the laws. On this occasion it is stated that he took some whiskey and while he and a man named Glass were in the camp Monture became embroiled in a row with two Indians. The result was the killing of Monture. The occurrence created some alarm and one settler sent his family to Helena. It appears, however, no other person was molested and the death of Monture is not a matter of regret. Much of the apprehension on that frontier was in consequence of his supplying Indians with whiskey and ammunition, and it is hoped he died like Brigham Young, without successor.

In May of the following year, Sam Pierre was captured and charged with Monture's killing. Pierre told the powers that be he had left a keg of whiskey with Monture to trade for a horse and in the ensuing business transaction Pierre knifed Monture.
George was reported to have said, "I am killed," and then, after bidding all present farewell -- died. The ultimate disposition of Mr. Pierre remains unclear. But one wonders if he was given a hemp necktie -- or a drink.
Little else was heard of George Monture for almost fifty years... until 1924, when Ovando banker John Blair led a move to recognize some of the area's early citizens. It may never be known how Monture was chosen to ascend to the rank of honored pioneer, but ascend he did after Blair led a group of town folk in erecting a stone marker at the site of Monture's murder. The marker reads:

In memory of George Monture. Half-breed scout and interpretor. Friend of the early settler of the Nevada Valley. Killed October 10, 1877.

George Monture had gone from whiskey-running rounder to the homesteader's pal. And in the process the date of his death was "rescheduled" from before October 5th, the date of the newspaper account, to October 10th. Indeed, history works in mysterious ways.
So, the question remains how long does it take to go from horsethief to hero? From robber baron to copper king? From political hack to statesman? Looks like about fifty years. Maybe there's hope for us all yet.

The author wishes to acknowledge the help of C. Milo McLeod, in assembling information in this article.

WAGONS HO

Organizers of the 250-mile Centennial Wagon Train, from Bannack to Helena, are literally counting the days until June 11th when they'll hit the trail. At least 80 wagons were expected to be signed up by the November 12 deadline. The cut-off date was chosen due to the need to reserve hay this fall for the train's needs next spring.
Wagon master Robert Clark and Trail Boss Wayne Tichenor, both of Whitehall, said the 26-day route will cover both private and public land.
Secretary Leslie Clark, Whitehall and Treasurer Marlene Teague, Helena, are another two very busy members of the Montana Draft Horse and Mule Association, sponsors of the Centennial Wagon Train.
They said the organization has raised $17,000, or nearly a third of their anticipated budget through the sale of T-shirts, pins, coffee mugs, post cards and old fashioned bonnets. Members are also selling advertising for a souvenir wagon train book which will, according to Teague, "be packed with information about who our sponsors are, our wagon and riding entries, our route, activities and historic sites along the way." They plan to print 1,500 copies of the book.
Members have met with many organizations in a number of counties to spread the word about the wagon train and to raise funds to support the project.
So far the organizers have not had to borrow any operating money. They have applied for a Centennial grant and are contacting a number of corporate sources for additional support.

Marlene Teague, Wagon train booster

Anaconda Citizens Cry 'Fraud'

Anaconda citizens waved picket signs and cried "Fraud" in September during a visit to that city by Lt. Governor Gordon McOmber and Bill Yaeger. The demonstrators-- members of Anaconda's Home Sweet Dome Association--urged the Lt. Governor,"to right a wrong which has existed for ninety-four years," namely the run-off election between Anaconda and Helena to determine the capital of Montana.

The protestors, led by Anaconda County Manager Gene Vuckovich, presented a five-page petition which read in part:

"...We hold no malice toward our sister city of Helena and her fine citizens. We only ask our state government to declare the 1894 election between Anaconda and Helena to be invalid and therefore schedule a special election between the two cities to be held in conjunction with the Montana Centennial Celebration in 1989."

Anaconda committee members Jim Bouck, Jerry Hartman, Barbara Cook, Bob Vine, Virginia Carosone, Fr. Harry Neeley and Vuckovich conceded Helena won the capital battle by a margin of 1,906 votes. But they said it was a little harder for them to accept the fact a total of 55,000 votes were tallied in the election although Montana only had 51,000 registered voters at the time.

It was during the disputed 1894 election that copper magnates William A. Clark, who supported Helena, and Marcus Daly, who backed Anaconda, accused each other of waging all-out vote fraud campaigns which may account for the "extra" 4,000 votes.

Lt. Gov. McOmber turned to Montana Secretary of State Verner L. Bertelsen for an opinion. Bertelsen quickly wrote to the Anaconda group urging them to reconsider their plea and listed nine possible adverse affects should another election be held and Anaconda named the winner. Bertelsen wrote:

--"Have you considered carefully the great cost and difficulty of dismantling and re-building the capitol - block by block.

--Even your church on Sunday may be crowded by legislators and their wives who may not greatly increase the Sunday offering.

--Also, I would hope you would consider the problems of storing the vast volumes of public documents and the tremendous impact of all the paper on Anaconda's solid waste system.?"

Grabbing up the gauntlet was Helena Mayor Russ Ritter who, according to a Helena newspaper said,

"Being the good sports we are in Helena we will challenge the city of Anaconda to a vote-buying election. I'm sure if Helenans were put to the test we could buy as many votes as Anaconda.

"However, the history of our city is above and beyond reproach. I'm not sure I could get the City Commission to lower our standards to that of Anaconda -- but I'll try," Ritter said.

In the same news article Capital City '89ers Co-Chair Penny Copps, said she was "appalled" by the mayor's low opinion of Anaconda's voting morals, and said she "can't imagine the people of Anaconda ever stooping to anything so dastardly as purchasing votes."

In the meantime, politicians from Helena and Anaconda are vowing to carry the battle to the 1989 legislature.

Anaconda City Manager Gene Vuckovich reading his city's impassioned plea for "justice" to Lt. Gov. Gordon McOmber during Anaconda visit

Concerned Smelter City citizens with picket signs

"THE LAST BEST PLACE" a guided tour

"The Last Best Place" -- a guided tour of Montana's literature, including Native American stories, autobiographies, journals, fiction and poetry is now available.

The State Centennial Office contributed $25,000 to help subsidize publishing costs. As a result the retail cost was lowered by $15.00 a copy. Copies are available from the Montana Historical Society Press, 225 N. Roberts, Helena, MT 59620 at a cost of $27.95 plus $2.50 for postage and shipping.

The 1,184-page hardbound, illustrated, anthology includes over 230 selections by 150 men and women who wrote about Montana.

Copies will also be available in book stores across the state before Christmas, according to Bill Lang, MHS publications editor. The University of Washington Press is in charge of distribution.

CENTENNIAL EVENTS FOR 1988 AND 1989

THIS CALENDAR IS CURRENT AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 1988 and only Includes events sanctioned by the Montana Statehood Centennial Commission and Office for a specific time. For more detailed information on the following events plus others spanning several months, or the entire Centennial Year, please contact the Centennial Office at P.O. Box 1989, Capitol Station, Helena, MT 59620 or call (406) 444-1989.

NOVEMBER

3-5 - Montana History Conference-Livingston
4-Dec.31 - Montana Art Exhibit-Yellowstone Art Center
5 - Billings Symphony-Alberta Bair Theatre
8 - ADMISSION DAY - Centennial Year begins
10-23 - Veterans Art Exhibit, Miles City
11 - Veterans Day ceremony, Miles City
11 - Dedication Vietnam Veterans Memorial-Missoula
11 - Style show and luncheon-Miles City
11 - Veterans Day Centennial Ball-Miles City
12 - Rocky Mtn Coll.-Black Tie Art Auction
25 - Centennial Parade-Downtown Billings
12 - Centennial Dance, Elks Club-Shelby
12-13 - Cent. Year opening ceremonies, Stevensville
19 - Helena Film Society-Art Auction-Helena
20 - Lewis & Clark Marionettes-Library at Hamilton
26 - Martha Graham Dance Theater-Billings

DECEMBER

- Capitol Christmas Tree-Legislative spouses
- KUSM-TV Centennial Pledge drive
3-4 - "The Magic of Christmas" Billings Symphony/Chorale

JANUARY

13-15 - PRCA Professional Rodeo-Great Falls
14 - Billings Symphony-Alberta Bair Theatre-Billings
21 - Great Falls Symphony Ball
28-Feb 4 - Montana Winter Fair-Bozeman
28-29 - U.S. Outdoor Speed Skating Champ.-Butte
29-Feb 4 - Catholic School Week-100 Years of Service-Butte
31-Feb 2 - MABA/MGEA Mont. Agriculture Conv.-Great Falls

FEBRUARY

10-11 - Fractured Follies, Hospital Aux.-Glendive
11 - Billings Symphony-Alberta Bair Theatre
11-Mar 20 - Winternational Sports Festival-6 weekends-Butte
12-19 - Ski for Light, Sons of Norway-Bozeman
22-April 8 - "Facing Our State" exhibit Missoula Museum
25 - Billings Sym. Free Youth Concert-Alberta Bair
25 - Montana State Saddle Club Convention-Billings
26 - Butte Symphony Orchestra Cent Concert -Butte

MARCH

2-4 - Jump Rope for Health Competition-Helena
4 - Winter Carnival-Red Lodge
12-18 - Western States J1 Championships-Red Lodge
18 - Billings Symphony-Andree Back-Alberta Bair
23-24 - Special Olympics Winter Games-Red Lodge
24-25 - KATQ Farm Expo, Civic Cntr-Plentywood
30-April 1 - Masters and Citizens Races-Red Lodge
16-18 - 21st C.M.Russell Art Auction-Great Falls
31-April 1 - United Indian Assoc. H S Basketball-Helena

APRIL

1 - Museum of the Rockies Dedication-Bozeman
1-May 28 - Men's State Bowling Championship-Gt. Falls
6-June 25 - Cent. Quilt Exhibition-MT Hist. Soc-Helena
14 - Cent. Cat Show, Sheraton Hotel-Billings
15-16 - Centennial Art Show-Plentywood
22 - Billings Symphony,Young Artist Winners
28 - All Bitterroot Valley School Day-Hamilton
30 - Centennial Fashion Revue- Plentywood

MAY

1-29 - Wildlife Art Show-MonDak-Sidney
1-31 - W.A.Clark Exhibit-Yellowstone Art Cntr-Billings
6 - Spokane Memorial thoroughbred race-Helena
13 - Billings Sym.,Hot Jazz-Blgs Plaza,Holiday Inn
14 - Cowboy Poetry-Western Art Show-Miles City
19-21 - Miles City Bucking Horse Sale-Miles City
19-21 - Garden City Ballet, Michael Smuin-Missoula
20 - Cent. All Military Ball-Holiday Inn-Billings
26-29 - State Square and Round Dance Fest.-Gt Falls
29 - Memorial Day Observance-Westby

JUNE

1-30 - W.A.Clark Collection-Yellowstone Art Center
2-3 - Governor's Cup and 100-mile race-Helena
2-Aug.5 - The Black Robe Mission 80-day trek-Spokane
3 - Old Car Show, Plentywood
3-4 - Centennial Trap Shoot, Plentywood
3-4 - MT Cent. Pagaent-musical-200-cast-Helena
10 - 1889 Cottonwood City opening-Deer Lodge
11 - Old Tractor Club Gas-Up-Plentywood
12-July 4 - Bannock-to-Helena 100-wagon train
14-17 - "Pamelia" -A Montana Opera-Alberta Bair-Blgs
15-July15 - Montana Places Art Show-MonDak-Sidney
16-17 - Western Days & Cent. Parade-Billings
17 - MT Youth Choir Concert/Ambassadors-Great Falls
17-18 - Centennial Golf Round-Up-Plentywood
19-24 - Montana Classic Car Tour-Miles City
22-24 - The Cent. Symposium-history,heritage-Helena
22-25 - Traditional Jazz Festival-Helena
23-25 - Power Centennial School Reunion-Power
23-25 - Dedication MT Ag Center-Ft. Benton
23-25 - No. Toole Co. Reunion-dance/parade-Shelby
24 - MT Statehood Centennial Airshow-Bozeman
24 - Pony Express Mail Carry-Terry
24-25 - 21st annual Beartooth Days run-Red Lodge
24-25 - Cent. MT Gem and Mineral Show-Lewistown
24-25 - All Redstone Centennial Reunion-Redstone
29-July 4 - Sheridan Co., All class reunion-Plentywood
30-July4 - Nez Perce Trail Ride-Chinook
30-July 5 - Daly Days: A Festival of the Arts-Hamilton
30-July 2 - MT Chamber Cent. Golf Classic-Bigfork
30-July 2 - MT Cent. Rod Run-Billings

JULY

1 - Recalling Memories celebration-Utica
1 - National Mule Marathon and Concert-Arlee
1-2 - Antique ,vintage vehicles show-Baker
1-2 - Five-mile trek of Mullan Road-Superior
1-4 - Fergus Co. parade/pageant display-Lewistown
1-4 - Home of Champions Rodeo-Red Lodge
1-4 - Joliet All Class Reunion-Joliet
1-9 - Can-Can Revival-Red Lodge Peak-A-Boos
1-9 - Centennial Rendezvous-Red Lodge
2-8 - All-Nations Centennial Pow-Wow--Helena
2-9 - Chinook Cent. Celebration Week-Chinook
2-29 - 100 years of Porcelain Art-Hamilton
3-4 - Harlowton Rodeo & Western Celebration
3-9 - Wibaux County Homecoming Reunion
4 - Dedication of Lewis & Clark Bronze-Gt Falls
4 - Old-time 4th of July Celebration-Helena

JULY

4 - Terry Centennial Rodeo
4 - Fit for America's Day Runathon-Missoula
7-9 - Chief Victor Days-Victor
7-9 - Dutton Fun Days, parade-carnival-fireworks
7-9 - Wild Horse Stampede & Parade-Wolf Point
10 - Rendezvous for Sitting Bull Wagon Train Willow Bunch, Saskatchewan, Canada
13-15 - Fairfield Swim Day, dance,parade-Fairfield
14-16 - Sitting Bull Rendezvous Days-Plentywood
14-16 - Big Sky State Games-Billings
15 - Old Timers Festival and Reunion-Fairview
15 - Friends of Gardiner all school reunion/dance
15 - Western Montana Centennial Parade-Missoula
15-16 - State Gold Panning Championship-Bannack
15-16 - 25th Homesteader Days-Huntley Project
15-16 - Bannack Days-site of First Montana Capital
15-16 - Hellgate Rendezvous art show-Missoula
15-Aug15 - Montana People Art Show-MonDak-Sidney
16 - Friends of Gardiner picnic
21-23 - Cottonwood Ranch Art show-Roberts
22 - Official Centennial Parade-Great Falls
22-29 - Focus week of Centennial Events-Great Falls
23-29 - All-Nations Cent Pow-Wow-Helena
24-25 - Good Sam RV Wagon Train-Helena to Gt Falls
24 - Cascade Co. Variety show-Civic Center-Great Falls
25 - Senior Citizens Celebration Day-Great Falls
25 - Old Time Fiddlers Festival-Great Falls
29-Aug6 - Derby, Thoroughbred race, state fair-Gt Falls
29-30 - Flint Creek Valley Days-Philipsburg
30 - Men's Cent. Invitational Golf Tourney-Plentywood

AUGUST

1-Nov 8 - Centennial Memory 100 video episodes-on TV
2 - Women's Cent. Invitational Golf - Plentywood
2-6 - Pioneer and Classic Auto Club Tour-W.Yellowstone
3-6 - Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage meet-Bozeman
3-6 - Sweet Grass Co HS Reunion-Big Timber
5 - Ringling Reunion, banquet-Ringling
5-13 - Red Lodge Festival of Nations
6 - Statewide Girl Scout gathering-Choteau
14-16 - Sheridan County Centennial Fair
18-19 - Cowboy Poetry Gathering-Big Timber

SEPTEMBER

1-4 - Special 4-day post office celebration-Roundup
2-3 - Community celebration/lecture series-Lincoln
4-9 - Great MT Cent.Cattle Drive-Roundup-Billings
8-10 - Centennial Golf Tournament-Bigfork
9 - Town and Country Days-Circle
15-17 - Libby Nordicfest
16-17 - 7th Annual Old Timers Rodeo-Great Falls
22-23 - Oktoberfest benefit MT Chorale-Civic Cntr-Gt Falls
21-24 - Laurel Herbstfest

OCTOBER

Harvest Festival-Miles City

NOVEMBER

3-4 - "Montana Times" Play, Medicine Lake
8 - ADMISSION DAY--MONTANA'S 100TH BIRTHDAY -- Grand Celebration -- Helena
8 - **BIRTHDAY BELL** State-wide ringing-bells
8 - **CENTENNIAL BALL** -- Helena

NMC KICK OFF

Northern Montana College's Centennial opening celebration, November 9, included speeches by Lt. Gov. Gordon McOmber and history professors emeritus Harrison Lane and Lou Hagener. A full year of Centennial activities at the college were announced by NMC President William C. Merwin.

Art Dolman, NMC history professor, and Centennial chairman for both the Hill County 89ers and Northern Montana College, said "We will have a Centennial Christmas sing-a-long on Thanksgiving night, November 24, to light the downtown Christmas tree, in cooperation with the Havre Merchants Assoc."

He said History Professor Glynn Wolar is heading up a students only Centennial logo contest. A $150 scholarship will be awarded the winning design which must include reference to Montana's Centennial and the opening of the college in 1929. The design will be incorporated into a Commemorative plate to be sold during the coming year. The deadline for entries is January 9.

Bridge Spans 100 Years

In December the Ft. Benton Centennial committee will celebrate the 100th birthday of the old Ft. Benton bridge, according to Centennial Chairman Robert L. Leinart.

"The bridge," said Leinart "was opened to traffic in December of 1889. At the time it was the only bridge across the Missouri and had a pivoting span to let steamboats through. In the early 1900's a riverboat collision damaged the pivot which was eliminated during repairs making the bridge the official head of navigation."

The original bridge was in continuous use until the 1960's when a new one was constructed. The old bridge has since been replanked and lighted and is used for picnics and viewing the river.

The committee is having a postal cancellation called Bridge Station for use in December.

Other Ft. Benton plans include an auction, Centennial ball, and pack train to Last Chance Gulch in Helena.

CENTENNIAL STICKERS

Centennial stickers in two sizes are available at $8.00 per roll of 500. To place your order for either 3/4" x 1 1/2" or 1" x 2" stickers please contact: Colorworld P.O. Box 1088 Bozeman, MT 59715

Stephens-Kolstad Elected

As the MONTANA '89er was going to the printer, Stan Stephens of Havre became Montana's 17th elected Governor and Allen Kolstad of Chester was chosen Lt. Governor.

Governor-elect Stephens spoke briefly at the Stevensville Centennial opening ceremonies and acknowledged, "It is significant this is my first official duty because it is not only an honor to be elected governor of this state but it is especially so at the beginning of our second century of progress. This will be a year to remember."

On assuming his duties the first of next year, Lt. Governor-elect Kolstad will become head of the Centennial Office and Chairman of Montana's Centennial Commission.

RED LODGE GRIZZLY PEAK-A-BOOS CAN-CAN REVIVAL

MONTANA MEMORIAL DET., 7TH CAVALRY, Co. K

MONTANA BALLET COMPANY with Ann Bates, Daren Eastwold and Jeff Mathews, Bozeman.

BLANCHE HARDING and PRES. T. JEFFERSON of Lewis and Clark Marionettes, Polson

NORMA ASHBY, Cascade County 89ers

89ers Host State Centennial Conference

The Cascade County 89ers did a bang-up job of organizing the Sept. affiliates meeting. The following article was printed in their fine Century News affiliate newsletter.

Cascade County 89ers hosted an all day Centennial Organizing Conference and Vendors Fair, Sept. 24 at the Heritage Inn in Great Falls

The conference, sponsored by the Montana Statehood Centennial Office and Commission, under the leadership of Lt. Gov. Gordon McOmber, brought together more than 150 Centennial affiliates, project and product promoters for the first time.

Local 89ers involved in the Conference included Mary Smith, conference coordinator; Kathy Beaumont and Mary Doerk, registration; Norma Ashby, moderatorof a panel on "Organizing Tips"; Marilyn Frazier, conference arangements and moderator of a panel on "Statewide Events/Projects, Ways to Get Involved Locally"; Jeff Cunniff, Statewide Centennial Parade chairman, panelist; and Cindy Adams, Cascade County Historical Society director, Centennial Historical Sites Program, panelist. Susie and Dan Nardinger had a table at the Vendor's Fair to promate Susie's book, "Spirit Horse of the Rockies," just off the press.

Dick Martin, Chairman of the Cascade County 89ers, served as Master of Ceremonies for the banquet that evening, sponsored by US West at the C.M. Russell Museum. Sanctioned Centennial entertainment from around the state performed. They included Charlie Russell's Yarns, Raphael Christie, Helena; 24 Karat, a singing group from Billings; The Montana Time (pageant excerpt) Norman Bert and Debbie Enstrom, Custer; Montana Ballet Company, Ann Bates, Daren Eastwold, Jeff Mathews, Bozeman; Calamity Jane Tells Her Tale, Glenda Bell and Barb Fisher, Billings; Montana Memorial Det., 7th Cavalry, Co. K, Harold Muessig, president; Lewis and Clark Marionettes, Blanche Harding, Polson and Red Lodge Grizzly Peak-A-Boos Can-Can Revial.

THE GLACIER ACRE

The Northwest Chapter of the Montana Association of Registered Land Surveyors (M.A.R.L.S.) decided last spring they wouldn't be able to rest easy until they completed a Centennial Acre IV to join Centennial Acres I, II and III located respectively at the Missouri Headwaters State Park, The Homestead near Wolf Point and Bannack, Montana's first territorial capital.

In keeping with the historical nature of the event, members used an ancient Gurley Mountain transit and pole chains to run the survey. And, everyone taking part was encouraged to wear "old time garb."

Acre IV is located on Upper Thompson Lake between Kalispell and Libby. A print of Lake McDonald in Glacier Park was donated by local artist Mark Ogle to be produced on vellum for the final survey certificate.

Dan Brien, Centennial Acre chairman, and Tom Sands presented the finished Centennial Acre IV to the Centennial Commission at their regular meeting in Great Falls, Sept. 23.

Each deed "officially" entitles the holder to a symbolic investment in Montana's Centennial. They are available from the Centennial Office for $10 each. For more information contact The Centennial Store, P.O. Box 1989, Capitol Station, Helena, MT 59620.

Tom Sands and Dan Brien, members of the Montana Association of Registered Land Surveyors, present Lt. Gov. Gordon McOmber with a framed vellum record of Centennial Acre IV.

CENTENNIAL QUILT

Mary and Don Hurley of Stevensville with The Montana Centennial Quilt, a four-year project involving a quilt block from each of the state's 56 counties.

Mary, a professional quilter and teacher, spearheaded the quilt project and with the help of Marian S. Sweeney, published a 72-page book containing a black and white photo of each quilt block and an accompanying journal page. She also published a color poster of the completed quilt.

The quilt was displayed at the Trade Show in Stevensville during the opening Centennial celebration, and eventually will be on loan to the Montana Historical Society.

Organizations wishing to display the quilt during the Centennial year should contact Mary Hurley at 260 Paso Drive, Stevensville, MT 59870. She said there will be a small charge to cover the cost of shipping and handling.

Young Artists Featured in Calendar

A calendar featuring the artwork of Montana elementary students has been distributed to educators across the state. Over 340 students in grades four through six participated in the state-wide energy poster contest. The theme for the contest was "A Hundred Years of Energy in Montana". The drawings of thirteen of these young artists are highlighted in the 1989 Montana Centennial Energy Calendar.

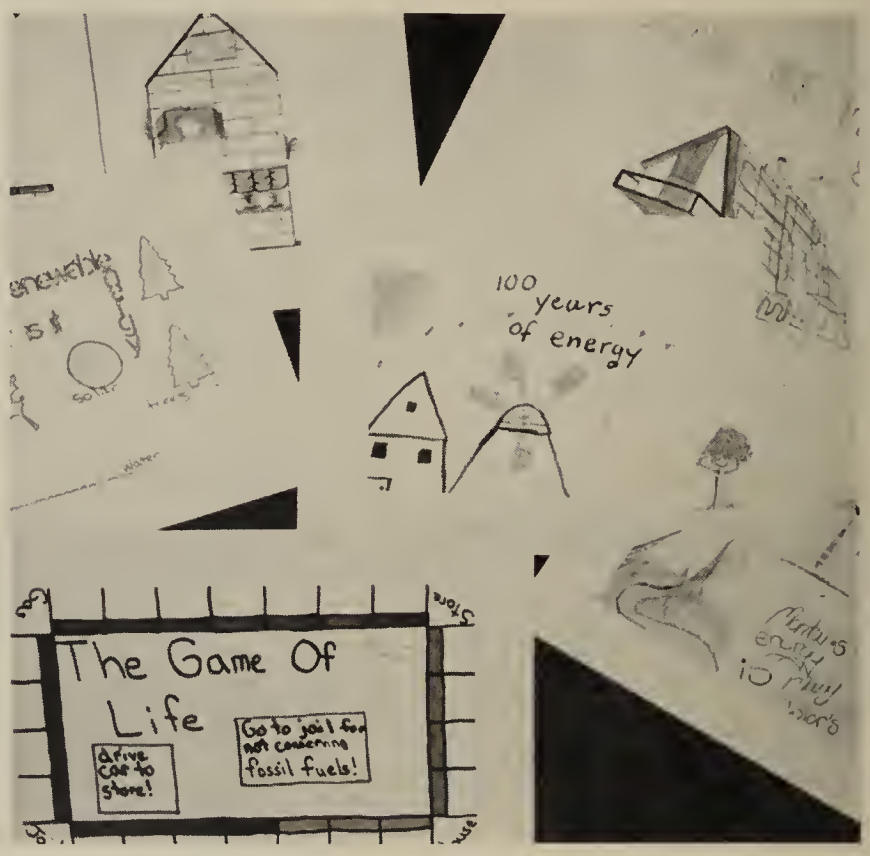
Students drawing the winning energy posters were honored Oct. 20 at a Governor's Awards Ceremony in Helena. Each received a $50 U.S. Savings Bond. Winners of the contest represented schools in Scobey, Malta, Butte, Absarokee, Gallatin Gateway, Missoula, Browning, Deer Lodge and Livingston.

About 4,000 copies of the calendar have been distributed free to educators and others across the state.

Another 63 of the colorful, creative energy posters have been selected for inclusion as a travelling centennial exhibit. These posters are available for loan to schools, libraries and other organizatons across the state. If you wish to display the energy poster exhibit contact Peggy Nelson, Dept. of Natural Resources and Conservation, 1520 East Sixth Ave., Helena, MT 59620, or phone 444-6697.

The poster contest and calendar were sponsored by the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Montana Power Company and the Montana Energy Education Council.

Energy Calendar Winners
Left to right - front row, Josh Tangen, Scobey; Jean Roosa, Deer Lodge; Pat Anderson, Malta; John Paul Shepard, Absarokee; Logan Brown, Absarokee; Brett Ellison, Gallatin Gateway; Kathie Davidson, Missoula; Robbi Erickson, Missoula; Theran Fries, Deer Lodge
Back row, Governor Ted Schwinden, Andrew Lunde, Livingston and Chris Miller, Butte. Winners not pictured, William Black Weasel, Browning and Robert Markovich Sparks, Helena.



A few of the student energy posters in the traveling Centennial exhibit available for loan to schools and libraries

Salute to Schools

Beginning in January the Capital City 89ers Salute to Schools program will be underway.

Planned to help students share in a little Montana history -- schools in each county will be recognized in the legislature on specific days. Larger counties will be given two days with schedules to be set after the legislative leadership meets in the fall. Teachers and students are urged to attend on the day their county schools are recognized.

Project co-chairs Rita Blouke and Senator Joe Mazurek have invited all state schools to participate. They also are urging them to prepare a one-page project to go into a Montana Sampler that will be presented to the legislature at the end of the legislative session.

Blouke said, "We would like the focus of the Sampler to be a recognition of the history of your area. Contents of the page could be a story, poem, picture, interview with a century citizen, biography, geneology, essay, or any other medium that can be contained on one page, front and back.

"Classes who visit the legislature," said Blouke, "or whose teachers request them, may receive booklets about the legislative process that can be used as an educational unit. The booklet, designed primarily for middle grades, will include information on how the legislature works."

Besides visiting the capital during the legislature schools are being encouraged to visit other Helena areas such as the new Montana Homeland exhibit at the Historical Museum, the Helena Cathedral, Pioneer Park, Reeder's Alley or Holter Museum among others.

Anyone needing more information should contact Salute to Schools, 1300 Billings Ave., Helena, Montana 59601.

Granting program is underway

The Montana Statehood Centennial granting program is underway with grants awarded to kickoff projects at each end of the state. A grant of $1,000 was recommended for the Centennial Fashion Show and Luncheon, part of the Veterans Day/ Montana Statehood Centennial program in Miles City, November 11th. Grants totalling $22,000 were provided to the community of Stevensville for the Western Montana kickoff celebration.l (See story on page one)

"The Centennial Office has received over $900,000 in grant requests from organizations and individuals across the state. In order to be fair and objective the Centennial Office and Commission is considering a plan to revert part of the funds raised from the sale of license plates back to the counties for granting by the county commissioners. Discussions are now underway with County Commissioner representatives to work out the details," McOmber said. Grant applications should continue to be sent to the Centennial Office.

National Endowment funds symposium

The Montana Historical Society has recently received notification from the National Endowment for the Humanities of the award of $135,964 in support of a Centennial Project. The project will consist of a three-day symposium, to be held June 22, 23 and 24, 1989, in Billings, MT, and 11 community forums featuring the culture and history of the Northern Tier region. The gift will help commemorate the 100th anniversary of statehood for Montana, Washington, Idaho, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming.

Corporations to help projects

A number of Montana's largest corporations have met with Gloria Hermanson, of the Montana Statehood Centennial Office, to consider funding help for a variety of Centennial projects.

Hermanson, a private consultant, has contacted Montana Rail Link, Delta Airlines, Northwest Airlink, Northwest Airlines, Norwest Banks, Burlington Northern, Montana Power Company, U S West Communications, Exxon, Conoco and Montana Resources, among others.

"Some of the corporations are considering funding help for existing sanctioned projects and some are planning their own projects," Hermanson said. "The response has been very positive. Montana's corporations are getting involved, many of them in a big way" she said.

Centennial flags now fly state-wide

All Montana counties have received an official Centennial flag compliments of the Centennial Office and Commission.

The flags, measuring 3 x 5 feet, were sent to each county courthouse with a request they be displayed in a prominent place and also be made available for use at various county Centennial functions.

County commissioners have been offered free Centennial bumper stickers for all county vehicles. They need only notify the Centennial Office of the number needed.

Bank of Montana scholarships announced

The Bank of Montana System, Board of Directors, has announced $25,000 in scholarships will be awarded to 51 Montana high school seniors in celebration of the 1989 Montana Centennial.

Seniors in the thirteen communities where Bank of Montana System banks are located are encouraged to apply through the guidance counselors office at their school. The scholarships will be applied toward tuition in Montana state-sponsored colleges, universities and vo-techs.

Recipients will be selected by March 1, 1989.

Communities where Bank of Montana System banks are located include Great Falls, Missoula, Butte, Helena, Havre, Lewistown, Glasgow, Conrad, Chinook, Chester, Big Sandy, Valier and Rudyard.

New Hampshire Students Sing

In November a classroom of four- and five-year-olds called Lt. Governor Gordon McOmber to sing Happy Birthday to Montana -- all the way from New Hampshire.

Singing a Salute to the state's Centennial were students in Jim Morris' class in the Montesso M I Child Care Center in Littleton, New Hampshire.

Centennial affiliates shared their excitement and plans for the coming year at the Great Falls affiliates meeting.

CENTENNIAL COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE

Meeting

November 22---Helena
December 16---Helena

For information, call the Centennial Office at 444-1989.

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Centennial Plates are a proclamation of our 100th anniversary, as well as a collector's item. This special edition will never be issued again. Proceeds from the sales of the plates help support the 1989 celebration.

If you haven't put Centennial plates on your vehicle, it's time to join the birthday party. The plates cost $19.89, plus a county handling fee. They are available at your county treasurer's office.

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